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Amendment/Response in Application

SIR:

In the above-referenced patent application, in response to the office action of March 17, 2004, please consider the following arguments in the application of Laurence Cole, et al. as follows.

Remarks

No amendment is made to original claims 1-37 of the instant application. It is noted that the claims of the instant application are substantively *identical* to the claims of U.S. Patent no. 6,637,457 of Pandian, et al. ("the '457 patent").

The Examiner objected to or rejected the original filed claims variously under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 102, for the reasons which are stated in the Examiner's office action. Applicant shall address the Examiner's rejections in the section which follows.